

A circular black and white stamp. The outer ring contains the text "O I P E" at the top and "P R I N T &amp; T R A D E" at the bottom. The center of the stamp contains the date "APR 04 2001".

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